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I will try to take a closer look at this in the next day or so. I can concur on the surety amount you provide for each vent hole. However, the BLM cannot authorize any work on ventilation shaft construction until the EA is completed. My supervisor is a him...Lynn Jackson. I think you have met him at the meeting we had last November at Lisbon Valley.

- Becky

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They haven't been calling, but I need to try to get it done. Go with the priorities your supervisor has given; I'll blame my delay on him/her.

After I wrote this e mail, I found a letter detailing some of their plans. They will be reaming up from inside the mine.

The surety estimate they provided appears to be reasonable. Denison provided detailed calculations for closing two vent shafts on Forest Service land, and they came to \$2747 excluding mobilization. US Energy/Plateau paid \$3000 each for their vent holes at Tony M to be closed in 2004. Based on these amounts, \$7300 each should be plenty. Look at it when you get a chance. Thanks.

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Paul,

Yes, I am involved in review of the Whirlwind Mine. Our office is only handling the vent shafts on the Utah side of the border. I am working with Grand Junction on the EA. Unfortunately, I have not had a chance to review how they are going to drill the vent shafts and reclaim them when they are done, though I do know that they have provided the BLM with this information.

The surety will be separate from the surety they file with the BLM in Grand Junction and the State mine permitting for Colorado. You and I will need to agree on a bond for the 6 proposed ventilation shafts and any access roads that they are going to create. No. I have not talked to Jan.

Sorry I have not looked at this. My supervisor shifted my priorities to writing an EA for a sand and gravel pit for Grand County, and a mineral report for a land exchange. If you need me to look at this in the next day or so, let me know.

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Are you reviewing the proposal for vent shafts for the Whirlwind Mine, or

is this being handled completely in Grand Junction? They are proposing to cap the shafts, and I don't believe we can require them to backfill. They haven't told us how the holes will be drilled, whether it will be from the surface or from underground, or where the waste would go. Grand Junction is doing an EA that includes the vent shafts. Are you involved with it? Will I need to get approval from them for the surety amount? Has Jan already asked you all these questions?

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